

responsible Republicans, just 21 Republicans who have the common sense and courage to put country above party conference, just 21 Republicans who have the heart to help moms and dads and families in distress, just 21 Republicans who will have the honesty to recognize the destructiveness of the course set by the Republican leadership driven by its most extreme faction, just 21 Republicans who can publicly act on the convictions they have privately acknowledged.

Are there not just 21 Republicans in the House of Representatives who will follow the leadership of Senator DOLE, who aspires to lead the country? What mob psychology prevails to prevent just 21 Republicans from doing what is right, just 21 Republicans to say, with BOB DOLE, enough is enough?

WE DO NOT NEED 21 REPUBLICANS, WE NEED 1 PRESIDENT TO OFFER A BALANCED BUDGET

(Mr. GUNDERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUNDERSON. Mr. Speaker, we do not need 21 Republicans. We need one President, just one President that will offer this country a balanced budget. That is all it takes, just one President to keep his word to offer a balanced budget, and we will get on with the process, the Government will run, and we will get this thing solved.

As my colleagues know, the fact is the President signed into law a continuing resolution. That continuing resolution committed that we would have by January 3 of this year a bipartisan balanced budget agreement. The President has not even submitted a balanced budget proposal.

People wonder why negotiations are not going anywhere. How can they go anywhere? We do not have anything to negotiate. We have no idea where the President stands on taxes. We have no idea where the President stands on domestic spending. We have no idea how the President suggests we ought to achieve a balanced budget. He says he is for one, and that is good, so let us see it.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues do not need 21 Republicans. They need one President to offer a balanced budget.

SUPPORT THE CLEAN CR

(Mr. OLIVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLIVER. Mr. Speaker, enough is enough. The extremists among the House Republicans are finally realizing the public's opposition to their hostage-taking tactics. So why are they still playing games?

Mr. Speaker, the other body, the Senate, has already passed a clean continuing resolution, and there are moderate Republican House Members who

agree with letting the entire Government operate this month while negotiations continue. The House Republican leaders should get the message and stop wasting taxpayer dollars.

I am adding my name to the clean CR introduced by the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] which allows all Federal employees to do their jobs while they get paid. Every Member of this House should support a full restoration of Government services and end this pointless gridlock.

CRISIS CREATES SOME OPPORTUNITIES

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, what an incredible irony, this budget crisis that we are facing and have been going through for the past several weeks. The irony is that we have found that devolution is working because this crisis has created an opportunity for it. We saw the President in his news conference the other night talk about the pain that will be created, has been created, with this Government shutdown, the Meals on Wheels Program in jeopardy, unemployment benefits not being paid, Medicare recipients not being reimbursed, Medicare providers not being reimbursed.

Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that was nothing more than a sky-is-falling speech that the President gave.

This morning on National Public Radio a very interesting piece was provided in which they went around the country and talked in a number of States with those involved with the Meals on Wheels Program, Medicare providers, those who were dealing with the unemployment benefits issue, and State and local governments are in many instances, not all, but in many instances, picking up the responsibility there. So we have, in fact, got a tremendous opportunity to deal responsibly with this issue, and devolution is going to work.

LISTEN TO WHAT YOUR LEADERS ARE SAYING

(Mr. DEUTSCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I come over to the Republican side of the aisle today to speak and to quote Republican leaders.

From BOB DOLE:

Enough is enough. I do not see any sense in what we are doing. I would hope that we would have a quick action in the House. People have been gone from their jobs long enough. Enough is enough.

In addition, I quote another great Republican leader, NEWT GINGRICH:

As a former Army brat I believe it is morally wrong and indefensible that Federal workers are in the cross-fire.

The reckless Republican right have left their leaders. I say to my col-

leagues on the Republican side, "Please, come to your senses. Act like adults. It is indefensible what is going on, and it cannot be defended."

For those who saw "Nightline" last night, shame, shame, shame for those who were trying to defend this position. It is impossible. My colleagues should look at what their leaders are saying.

I say to the reckless right, "Please, for the good of the country, listen to your leaders. End this shutdown today, this afternoon, now."

A CONTINUING RESOLUTION IS NOT THE ANSWER

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] has asked for 21 responsible Members of the Republican Party in the House of Representatives to come forward. There will be 236 responsible Members of the Republican Party coming forward today, and we will indeed provide the quick action and the morally responsible position that has been referred to by previous speakers.

It is the lost liberal left and the President in the White House who is listening to them that has caused this problem.

Mr. Speaker, we have had 40 years of business as usual, our social contracts are in disarray, our quality of life is down in this country, we are \$5 trillion poorer because these social programs do not work, and the best that the other side can come up with is more business as usual, a continuing resolution is the answer. It is not the answer.

The answer is to do what we are trying to do; that is, a balanced budget in 7 years with real numbers, and to get the President of the United States to live up to his pledge to do it.

A VERY EXPENSIVE THEATER TICKET FOR THE TAXPAYERS

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, as one who is prepared to leave this body, with my quasi-emeritus status let me say I think this institution is in one "mell of a hess" today. It is in terrible shape. We have Democrats coming down and citing their agreement with the Republican leaders, and we see the reckless right on their side having abandoned their leaders. We are having to cite their leaders, and they are running from their leaders.

What is going on? Mr. Speaker, we have now spent over \$1.5 billion on this shutdown, this little political theater. That is a very expensive theater ticket. Taxpayers ought to be very angry about that.

But this is not enough for the reckless right. Now they want to impeach